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IN THE APPLICATION OF:
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PLANNING, DESIGN AND PROCESSING

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 18, 2008, please amend the claims as shown. Claims 50-64 in Elected Group 6 have been canceled in favor of claims 69-92, which Applicant believes are directed to a single inventive concept and are encompassed by Group 6 drawn to a method of determining a selected group of blocks of a mine pit which are capable of being mined, e.g., a method of determining extraction of material from a mine. The remaining claims are withdrawn.